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## **Spartanburg Man Arrested for Criminal Sexual Conduct with Minor**

**(COLUMBIA, S.C.)** South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Thomas Stephen Acker, (DOB: 12/21/1941) of Spartanburg, S.C., on one (1) count connected to criminal sexual conduct with a minor. The Spartanburg City Police Department, a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

A minor victim told authorities that Acker had sexual contact with her. The victim also said Acker physically restrained her while forcing her to watch pornographic videos.

Acker was arrested on December 9, 2014. He is charged with one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, (§16-3-655(A)), a felony offense punishable from 25 years up to life imprisonment.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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